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Mrs. STANHOPE's

Late Advertisement,

Published in the

Nottingham-Mercury,

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AND her Reply since Published in Mr.
Ayscoughs News, Examined and Answer'd
Paragraph by Paragraph.

By C. CLAY. Philaleth.

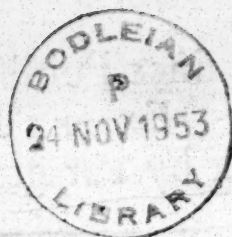
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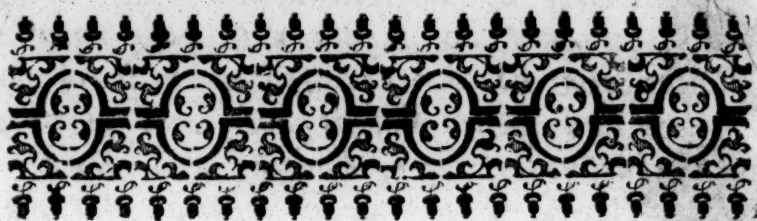
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Mrs. STANHOPE's

Late Advertisement,

Fully ANSWERED, &c.

Mrs. Stanhope's first Advertisement was as follows.

WHEREAS Charles Clay of Nottingham, employed by Mrs. Stanhope of Mansfield as a Hackney-writer, at several Times in her Family, from May 1715. to December 1717. has reported in Nottingham, Mansfield, and other Places, that the said Mrs. Stanhope is considerably indebted to him, and that she would never pay him more then five or ten Shillings at a Time, and those small Sums so seldom, that he, the said Clay was necessitated (to keep his Family from starving) to run in Debt:

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These are therefore to satisfy all those whom the said Clay has imposed upon already, and to prevent his deceiving others with such notorious Falsities, that he has received upwards of One Hundred and Thirty Pounds over and above all his Disbursements, Dyst, Lodging and Apparel, and the Benefit of writing for others ; and Mrs. Stanhope has his Receipts for the said Money, by which it doth appear, that the said Clay is her Debtor.

To which I Publish'd the following Answer.

The above Advertisement would need no Answer, if the Author of it was as well known in other Parts as in this Place ; but since that cannot be suppos'd, I shall, with the utmost Regard to the Lady's Character, do her and my self Justice. I therefore say, If methodizing and advancing Accounts, if amending Bills and Answers in Chancery, after perus'd by Council ; if drawing Answers (*particularly one, which I had not done, had not Mr. Lupton's Kin. swoman been mention'd in the Bill.*) If drawing the Heads of, and rectifying the Interrogatories, if Instructing the Commissioners, taking Depositions, and acting upon the Commission as Soliciter (which undeniably I did) be the Business of a Hackney-Writer, I leave to the Judgment of the World. The rest of the Advertisement depends wholly upon this single Point, *viz.* Whether Mrs. Stanhope be indebted to me or not ; which if it appears she is, then
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must all her malicious Insinuations, and scandalous Expressions return upon her self. Now, I can't see why her *Logician* should so weakly argue, that because I have received 130 *l.* *Ergo*, I must be her Debtor : For I say, I have (with about 50 *s.* disbursements) received 130 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* *Half-penny* ; and notwithstanding that, she is upon a fair Accnunt, justly indebted to me (as by a Bill lately sent her) 82 *l.* 10 *s.* 2 *d.* besides some Omissions since discovered, all which I am ready to justify and prove, having three Weeks ago Commenced a Suit against her for the same : And I do declare, that I am (as are those for whom I am concerned) so well satisfied with the Justice of my Account, that if she would tender me 70 Guineas for the full Discharge of my Debt, I would not accept it ; being resolv'd not to abate her One Farthing more than shall be by Taxing, which I am well assured by Men of Judgment will not be one Groat. And notwithstanding she is so much my Debtor, yet I have been so supplied by those for whom I am now concerned, that I have no Occasion to contract, or have I, to my Knowledge, contracted 5 *s.* Debt since I left that hopeful Lady. I shall therefore leave the World to judge of her just Dealings with me herein, without instancing others more ungrateful ; But let no one wonder, since upon this Rupture, I received from one of her Sons amongst other Things her Character in these Words. " That According to her Custom with
 " the rest of the World, she has used you very
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“ ill, which is not much to be wonder’d at,
 “ when one considers what a *Barbarian* she has
 “ been to her Family, which she’s taking all
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 add something further if Time and Room
 would permit.

C. CLAY.

Mr. Collyer not having room in his Mercury for the whole of my Answer, I designed the following Advertisement to have been Published in Mr. Ayscough’s News, as Mrs. S——’s had been, but for some Reasons, he deny’d me that Justice; which oblig’d me to publish it as a single Advertisement.

Whereas, there was last Week in Mr. Ayscough’s Paper an Advertisement in the Name of Mrs. Stanhope, maliciously reflecting upon me. And whereas, the same Advertisement is this Week Published in Mr. Collyer’s News, I thither refer the Reader for a more particular Answer thereto, having therein proved that I acted under her in a very different manner from a Hackney-Writer; that she now is actually indebted to me above 80 l. for which I have commenced a Suit against her: That I have not, since I left her been necessitated to run in Debt, as maliciously insinuated. And therefore, since the Grounds of her Advertisement must in course be false, I shall here only shew her wicked Intent thereby: For notwithstanding, the whole Scope of it seems to proceed from her Concern for the Publick, lest they should be imposed

posed upon by me, yet, by what's before provided, that hypocritical Dress drops off, and leaves naked her Malice against me only, tho' not without some Reserve of self Interest, (which she seldom forgets;) for nothing is more sure than that her Hopes were, (if I should have been so unhappy, as she has endeavoured to make me,) that then her malicious Project might have probably made me incapable of acting for him, whom she now fears, tho' she formerly had him under her Clutches, and managed him as the Dr. now does her. I know very well where the Shoe Pinches, but to blame me is unjust, who gave them no occasion of uneasiness; therefore, if they have made their Beds uneasy, they have no Body to blame but themselves, and must now make the best of a bad Market. However, if Malice prevails, I know of no better way to disappoint me of Business, than by giving up their Cause, or making a speedy Agreement. I cannot but lament the Confusion, the Family and Business must necessarily be in, since they lay hold of so small Items as Dyet, Lodging, &c. I should think that my officiating in the Family as *Sagan* to her High Priest, might over ballance those Tribes. But one more of her Projects I had almost forgot; and that is, that as I was thought the most proper Person to be their talking Clerk, (as knowing what every Witness could say) and lest the other Side should object against me, her fertile Brain contrived, that I should have a blew Coat, that I might

might be taken rather for a Livery-Man than a Taking-Clerk; to which, with much Regret, I submitted, being in a manner forced thereto; for altho' she owed me so much Money, none could I have to buy a Suit against the Commission, and this is what's meant by Apparel in her Advertisement, which puts me in mind how the Devil upbraids those whom he has by his Perswasion brought into Contempt. I cannot well now enlarge, but if the Lady please to perswade her thick Son to divert the Publick Weekly, upon this, or any other Whim, I shall as often be their humble Servant,

C. Clay

Mrs. Stanhope's Reply answer'd Paragraph by Paragraph.

MRS. S. having once more ventured to be led into the World, this 2d. Error, I fear, will appear much worse than the first: Notwithstanding her *learned Guardian's* usual Endeavours to *Gloss* over *Falsities* with a *Gin-gle* of Words without the least Argument, Reason or Proof, (the dismal Effects of a *weak Brain*) very much representing *Ignis Fatuus*, which, to People *in the Dark*, appears to be some extraordinary Prodigy in Nature; and at the best is but a *Vapour*, and disappears at the least approaching *Light*.

That the *Levitical Solicitor's Reply*, in the
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Name of Mrs. S. is directly of this Nature, shall be shewn to the World: And because, for want of Judgment, he says, I have deny'd several *just Charges* upon me in the first Advertisement; I shall now take the Reply in pieces, and answer it Paragraph by Paragraph: And then let the World judge, whether this *fair Logician* has not charged me with the Crimes he himself is most *Notoriously* guilty of.

And first then, he says, *That Charles Clay having only with personal Abuses, and an uncommon Confidence (the faint Refuges of those that want better Arguments, and the Weapons of Falshood, and a bad Cause) without the least Proof, deny'd in his Advertisements several just Charges upon him in that before.*

I shall only desire the Reader to cast his Eye upon my former Answers, and then impartially judge whether they are compos'd of *personal Abuses*, and an *uncommon Confidence* only, and without *Proof*, or denying any material part of the first Charge; or whether this very first Paragraph of the Reply, doth not favour more of those *base Weapons of Falshood*, than my whole Answers do. But what's more common than for the *greatest Egressor* to make the first Complaint: You must know then, that this Mrs. S.—'s Arbitrary Solicitor, (so soon as he has framed a gingle of Words (whether true or false is no matter,) agreeable to the Humours of shallow Women, his only Admirers,) in a Sweat mounts up two pair of Stairs, where (after some Complaints of his *poor weak Head*,

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and faint Spirits,) the matters are so often con'd over (as they call it) that they believe them to be real Truths. Now, that the Reply is of that sort, will appear in a multitude of Instances; and I shall not omit any Charge upon me, either in the first Advertisement, or the Reply to my Answers, although my Adversary is so unfair to claim such Priviledges he will not allow to others. But to proceed to the Reply.

It is thought proper further to inform the Publick, that he was at first recommended to Mrs. St---pe for a Hackney-Writer by a Person of Reputation, (who since his monstrous Ingratitude, has express'd a very great Concern for bringing such a Fellow into her Service) that he was received as such, esteemed by all the Family as such, by her Attorney in the House, ~~as well as~~ by her Council, her Solicitor, her Clerk in Court above, by the whole Town and Country, and even by himself, till he turned Renegado, and many of his Receipts are given for Copying, Ingrossing, and such like Work, the proper Business of a Hackney-Writer; and those whom she kindly (tho' most undeservedly) gave him the Benefit of writing for, paid him as a Hackney-Writer.

This at the first Sight seems to be a very heavy Charge, and could the Levite maintain it, I should be forced to knock under; but what a horrid Case is it? That a Person of such a Character should have no more regard to Truth, but suffer himself to be carry'd away by his unruly Passions, so far beyond Reason as to wilfully misrepresent matter of Fact, to grati-

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the Malice: But since so it is, I am obliged to descend to particulars.

I was then, at first recommended to Mrs. Stanhope as a proper Person to regulate, cast-up, and ballance her great Account with Sir John Toppe, but my Writing for her at that time, was not so much as thought on, for Mr. G— had then begun the Writing I afterwards undertook, And therefore to conclude, I was at first recommended for a *Hackney-Writer*, must be absurd. If Mrs. Stanhope's Son Henry be rose from the Dead (for I think no one disputes his Death, tho' some may the manner of it) and has expressed his Concern for bringing such a Fellow (as the P——t is pleas'd to call me) into her Service, then may his Allegation be true, but if otherwise, then must it be absurd also. For Mr. H. Stanhope often told me with his own Lips, that he recommended me to his Mother as a proper Person to settle the said Account, and that he did it in gratitude for my Service, in bringing about the Agreement of the Suit between him and his Father J——son, having at that time heard at *Nottingham* that I perfectly understood Accounts, and upon this Recommendation Mr. Gosling was order'd to send for me. How I was receiv'd or esteem'd by the Family, I never before heard, nor is it much to be minded what some of them say.

Her Attorney in the House, Mr. Webb, as well as his Son, will do me the Justice to say, that I did such Business few Attorneys are acquainted with, and that I am far from charging more, than I deserve. How her Council,

Sollicitor, Clerk in Court, Town and County should make an Estimate of a Person and Business they know not, I leave to the unprejudic'd Reader; what I took my self for may appear from what is already, as well as what shall herein after be proved; for altho' the Drs. Lady (much hurried with other People's Business) near two Years ago, amongst other Discourse, told me that she could have a *Hackney-Writer* from *London* for about 30 l. per *Annum*; which, no doubt she might, and, as I told her she was at Liberty to do; yet this advantagious Project was not thought practicable, which surely would have been pursued, had they then judg'd a *Hackney-Writer* capable of performing their Business: For its too apparent, I was not there employed for any other Reason, than their own Conveniency. Therefore it is not a thirst after *empty Glory* makes me run the Hazzard of the Worlds Censure, nor is it out of *Pride*, that I argue against my acting for Mrs. S—— as a *Hackney-Writer*; but to vindicate the Truth, a Thing so little regarded, particularly when it seems to stand in Competition with what such *Monsters* call Interest.

But what can the World think of such a Wretch, who, for the sake of adorning the Reply with the Word *Renegado*, can dare to charge me with deserting them? I do solemnly affirm (and its well known to the *worst of my Enemies*) that I did all along act with the utmost *Diligence* and *Integrity* for Mrs. S. with much Pains brought matters into Readiness for the Commission

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mission, where, with equal Care and Diligence I served her as *Taking-Clerk* at *Mansfield* and *Leicester*, and as *Solicitor* at *Nottingham*, and in the West-Country; I chearfully took a tedious Journey into the West, by my self, in the middle of Winter, and the Waters out, altho' I was a Stranger in the Road; and when Mrs. *Stanhope* was drove to such a Pinch, that if I had not gone, she must have lost her Commission there; which I did not only prevent, but managed to the best Advantage. Now after all this, I have not so much as seen Mrs. S—— since I came from the West; indeed, I sent her my Account, and went over in order to receive some Money, but was not yet admitted to see her, nor so much as asked to lodge in her House. About 4 Days after, I was unexpectedly told by her Servant Mr. *Cro—t*, that she would not pay me any more Money, which much surpris'd me at first, that such a pretended Friend should, without the least Reason, act so very ungratefully, and as I then thought (and I fear she'll too dearly Experience) so diametrically opposite to her Advantage, as well as the many Declarations of her strictest Obligations for my extraordinary Services for her. I therefore told Mr. *Cro—t* (amongst other Discourse) that I was sorry I should be obliged to act in a manner so widely different from my Inclinations; for I did not think that his Ladies saying she would not pay me, was, or ought to be, any Satisfaction to me, that she owed me nothing: However, rather than make

a Breach, I would be so fair, as to put my Accounts to her own Commissioners, and should be willing to abide by their Determination, be it what it would, and should be very easy whether she would emply me forward or not, and upon these Conditions, I would never act against her; but if in two Days time, I had no Account of her complying with these fair Proposals, I hoped she could not take it ill, if I did the best for my self. Thus, after I had waited 8 Days, and all that time at Charges, at a publick House, I was *sent empty away*; notwithstanding, the Day before I came Home, I sent to Mrs. S. to desire her, if she would not settle my Accounts, to lend me Ten or Twenty Shillings to carry me Home, or till the Accounts were settled, but I was not thought worthy of that Favour, tho' I sincerely protest, I cannot imagine what Reasons she could possibly have for such a sudden Change; nay, I charged her in one of my last Letters to instance any one single Neglect or Mismanagement in me, since I first did Business for her; and its very probable had there been any such, the World would have heard of them before now. And therefore, since this is not *Jargon*, but what may be proved by good Evidence, I shall desire the World to judge of what Principle that Person must be, that can have a Face to charge me as a *Renegado*, who never had the least Itching or Inclination to leave, or in the least act against Mrs. Stanhope or her Interest.

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lief, I gave her Receipts for Copying, Ingrossing, or such like Work, all my Receipts for Money upon my own Account (except one in full) were upon Account; and I believe, I gave some promissary Notes.

It must be very kind of the Lady (who had no Property in my Time,) to give me the Benefit of writing for others: My Method of charging her with my Time, was only with such Days as I work'd for her, not by the Week, &c. for I have in several Weeks charged her but with two or three Days each, nay, often with half Days; so that, I hope, with this mighty Logicians Favour, the rest were my own.

The last of this Paragraph is, that those others I wrote for paid me as a *Hackney-Writer*. All that I can call to mind that I did for others was, ingrossing a small Answer in Chancery with Schedules of Accounts for Mr. Gos—g; which, altho' it was upon a small Sixpenny Skins of Parchment, the whole not above four or five Hours Work, he gave me 15s. for it, and if that be a *Hackney-Writer's Pay*, I should content my self with such *Hackney-Writing* for Term of Life. Consider Reader, how many particulars of this last Paragraph you find to be sincere Truths, and Blush! —

Rep.) 'Tis true, he has commenced a Suit against her, and is it not in every Man's Power to be vexatious, and with equal Justice to sue him for his blue Coat, Waistcoat, Gown, and other Apparel Mrs. S. furnished him with?

Ans.) Altho' my Adversary has complemented

ed me with acknowledging the Truth, I hope he does not expect I shall therefore return it by agreeing to his *absurd Conclusions*. For sure no rational Being can conclude, that because it is in every Man's Power to be *vexatious*, that therefore I may be sued for a scandalous *Blue Coat and Waistcoat* (merely projected to deceive Mrs. S——'s Adversary) with a *equal Justice* as I can sue her for a just Debt.

h. 2 I am sorry ~~the~~ *Champion* should want Words so much as to Cause her to purchase them at 15 s. a piece (the Price of the Word *Gown*;) for I can assure the Reader, this is the first Account I had of her Generosity in that particular: I must confess, I order'd the Taylor to take it up, and make it; and consequently concluded I must pay for it; but since Mrs. S. has (unknown to me) been so generous to pay for it, I take this Opportunity *publickly* to return her *Thanks*, and shall be willing she should have as many such like Words, as she pleases at the same rate.

This Gown puts me in Mind of a Ten Pound Item charged by Mrs. S. upon Sir J. Toppe for a new Gown for her Son: But when its considered that the Parson, upon paying a Visit to Sir John's Daughters, happen'd to disoblige his Gown-Sleeve in a new painted Summer-house. Sure! No Man can be so void of Reason, to say Sir John ought not to pay for a new one? I don't remember I have seen Sir John's Order for this Gown, but if such a Thing should be wanting, *they* know how to remedy that Grief.

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Rep.) But sure this mighty Logician will not be quick in his Conclusions (I'm certain his Intelligent Readers will not) as to be Infallibly sure of his pretended Ballance, and tho' he will be a Solicitor, I hope he will not be so unfair to be Judge and Jury too.

Ans.) I cannot (nor do I believe any Intelligent Reader can) see any such Conclusion in my Answers, as to be Infallibly sure of what, this Champion of Argument, calls my pretended Balance: But this I can assure him, and the World, that I have not upon me the least fear of losing my Tryal; and if this mighty Manager will not be so unfair, (or by his slender Knowledge of the Customs of the Court, act so preposterously) as to Retain the J—ry, instead of Council, I shall as Infallibly have a Verdict against Mrs. S. as I shall in a proper place prove my self her Solicitor.

Rep.) After all, I presume I may safely say, that it is more Illogical in him to conclude, that because he has commenc'd a Suit against Mrs. S. that therefore he is in the Right, than in Mrs. S. to conclude from her Payments and his Receipts, that he is her Debtor, because he has received more Money than any Hackney Writer could justly demand for the Time, he as such, was with her. I presume therefore his Ergo, the Embellishment of his Adversisement, might have been left out.

Ans.) After all, I presume, it will not be Illogical to say, that he that can say, what is already said in the Reply, may venture to say any thing; but which of these two *Lame Syllogisms* is the more Illogical, needs no Answer but only the Reader's Judgment. I shall therefore rather chuse to strip my self of my *Darling Ergo*, than to offend A WEAK-BROTHER.

Rep.) *The Ballance of the Account he sent immediately before he left her, signed Charles Clay, amounted to Eighteen Pounds odd Money; and tho' that Account was made up of Items, a fair Practiser would, and much more a Hackney Writer, ought to be asham'd of, he has receiv'd of that (in Compassion to his Family) Thirty five Shillings; but not content with that Ballance, he has got SOME BODY to Cook up another Bill for him, with a Ballance of Eighty two Pounds odd Shillings, tho' he has given Mrs. S. a Discharge in full of all Demands, nearer to the time of his Desertion than he will be willing to own; and tho' he has acknowledg'd under his Hand since then himself over-paid.*

Ans. *The Ballance of the Account I sent Mrs. S. some short time before she deny'd me Payment, as aforesaid, amounted but to Eighteen Pounds odd Money; but how any one can say, that Account was made up of Items, either a Fair Practiser, or Hackney Writer (since her Syllogistical Solicitor will make such excellent Distinctions) ought to be asham'd of, I can't imagine. The Items in that Account are but of Three sorts; The First are 5 s. per Day, for what I did before the Commission; The Second, 10 s. per Day upon the Commission, (the least that any Writer ever has upon such Occasions;) And the Third, is Money laid out of my own Pocket for summoning Witnesses. Now, who can Divine why these Items should be more unfair now, then they have been all the time before? For I never charg'd her otherwise, nor were my Bills ever before found fault with. I hope, my Long Experience and Insight in the Cause, has not made me more incapable of doing the Business, or less deserving my Pay, than at the first? Alas! how can such empty Chimæra's pass upon the World, when I shall make it appear (when more need-*

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ful) that for the most part where I have charg'd but 5 s. *per Diem*, I did as much Business as any *Hackney Writer* might justly charge 6 or 7 s. for, and oft times more? So that it was purely in Regard to the many Complaints Mrs. S. was daily making of the great Charge of her Suits, and her want of Money, together with the many fair Promises of making me ample Satisfaction for all my Extraordinary Services, after her Law Suits were over, which made me then Content with such inconsiderable Pay: But since she has not thought her self oblig'd to pay that, I hope I may be allow'd the common Benefit of Mankind, to make her a fair Bill of Particulars, considering too, that the Reasons for making my former so Easy to her, are now ceased.

I acknowledge to have received 20 s. and no more, since I delivered the first Bill, which I have accounted for in my Bill of Particulars.

It is an odd Notion of my getting *some Great Body* to Cook up this Bill of Particulars; certainly, if I was able to Regulate Mrs. S.'s intricate Account of above Ten Thousand Pounds, I might be able to make up my own Bill. But pray, what *Some Body* can be supposed to know what I have done for Mrs. S. or is that possible to be known by any so well as my self? Or, where lies the Difficulty of making such a Bill? Indeed, had it been AN APOTHECARY's BILL, I have heard of a Parson about Twelve Miles from hence, has got a rare Knack at cooking up *such*, who, undoubtedly, I should have Employed as soon as any one; because, *they say*, he has got the Knack of *getting the Money too*. But after all, if this Bill of Particulars (very moderately charged) has advanced my Ballance from 18 l. to 82 l. then pray judge what reason this *Lady* could possibly have to deny paying that

first Ballance? Or, whether it's reasonable to believe the Items therein were extravagant?

I never gave Mrs S. but one Discharge in full, which was dated about September 13. 1716 from which time my Bill doth commence; so that if she has any others, I charge them Counterfeits.

It's much the *Levite* could not satisfy himself with his *Renegado*, but must adorn his Nonsense with *Desertion* too. However, since a Renegado is a Defenter from his *Religion*, or Colours, I would desire the Reader's Judgment, whether it is not more applicable to a Pr——t, (who swears never to forsake his Office) and afterwards turns *Solicitor*, than to the use it is put to in the *Reply*.

The B——p of E——y seems to have an excellent Idea of the Itchings of the Priests. "For," says he, as the Leprosy of *Gebazi*, that stuck to him and his House for ever, it has been the perpetual Itch of the Priesthood to be intermeddling in Secular Affairs; yet of all Men living, They have the worst Luck in Politics; and its generally observ'd that things miscarry under their Government: "And gives a very good reason for it; "For, says he, truly, I think, the reason that God does not Bless them in such Affairs, is, because he never designed them for that Employment." But if they must be *scratching*, to gratify their *Intail'd Humour*, They and their *Confidants* may thank themselves if their Undertakings don't prosper. And if He that wrote the *Reply*, will persist in this *Error*, I should think he'll have little occasion to remove himself any nearer *GOTHAM*, but may put upon the *old House Door beyond the Hills*, *ÆDES MERCEDÆ*.

As to my owning (since the beginning of my Bill) my self over-paid, is matter of Laughter! for

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 wears a *Vanity* to make the World believe he is
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Rep.) *What Encouragement therefore would Peo-
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 en the Nature would prompt a Man to feed a Beast of Prey.*

inter- *Ans.* The prodigious Strength of Argument, already
 Men shewn in the *Reply*, is enough to exhaust the *Trea-
 Poli- sures* of the Brain to the lowest Ebb, and make
 things the wisest of Men *rave*; and if this be not my
 And *Adversaries Case*, all the Readers I have talk'd
 ys he, with, are at a Loss: For how can a Man in his
 es not Senses talk of being *Generous*, &c. I can't but con-
 ne ne- clude, that if the remaining part of the *Reply* be
 ent." not the Effects of *Passion* at least, it must be design-
 their ed to disappoint me of Words and Matter proper
 may for my own Complaint. How *generous* was it?
 don't After my utmost Care and undeniable Services,
 , will to with-hold my just Dues, and send me penny-
 have less Home without the least Offence, and to leave
 nearer me in a Thousand Times worse Condition than
 House they found me? And what was my *Returns* for
 E D E. such *unparallel'd Ingratitude*, but giving them
 y Bill) time to rectify their *Rash Mistakes*, and endea-
 ! for vouring a right Understanding to prevent a
 who Breach?

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But for all this I must not be paid; but left to shift for my self; and must still be branded with *Renegado, Deserter, Ingrate*, and what not? and all because their Project fail'd them: For had I suffer'd my self and Family to starve, and lain a Suppliant at their Gate, submitting to their *Arbitrary and unreasonable Designs*, I had answer'd their End: But, if they would not have failed in their *costly Experiment*, they should, like skillful Physicians, consulted before-hand, whether my Constitution was able to undergo so violent an Operation.

Now, if these are the *Good Action* so much boasted of, I know no Body that will grudge *their Reward*.

My Capacity of assisting Mrs. S. (and not my necessity) was the Ground of my being employed, for I was content then with my Business, which was daily encreasing; but was, by *this pretended Friend*, left destitute of both Money and Business, or any present Prospect of getting either. There fore judge, who is the *Ingrate*, and take Care of being *destroy'd* by such a *Beast of Prey*.

Rep.) *What a Pitch of Arrogance and Conceitedness must a Court then think this poor Man arrived to who as a Proof of his being a Solicitor, falsely pretends he corrected Answers in Chancery, even after they were perused, tho' those Answers were drawn by some of the most eminent Council at that Bar, the Corrections wrote, and their Names put to them with their own Hands.*

(Answ.) *What a Pitch of Extravagance and Falshood must both Court and Country think this poor Wretch arrived to; who, to prove me a Hackney Writer, falsely pretends I did not correct Answers in Chancery as alledged in my former Answers, and all the reason given for this Pretence is, that they were drawn by some of the most eminent Counsel at that Bar.*

I am not ignorant of the Corrections made and sign'd by the Counsel, nor am I so *conceited* to think my self capable of correcting such great Mens Draughts in General ; but, since it has been allowed by Mrs. S——'s own *Solicitor* as well as *others*, that I knew more of this Cause than any other Person concern'd ; I don't see, why I might not therefore, be able to make several Corrections in particular Cases, unknown to those learned Men.

However, when I have shewn my *Adversary* that I donot (as *he* does) endeavour to deceive the World, nor am afraid to challenge *him* to shew where I have published any one Falsity ; I shall then acquaint the World with some of those many *Corrections* I made in Mrs. S——'s and the Doctor's first Answers to Sir *John T——p*'s Bill, *even* after they had been perused, corrected and signed by Sir *Tho. P——ys*, and which are not only well known, but were then acknowledged by Mrs. S. and her dear *Babe of Grace*, to be more material than any former Corrections, altho' the contrary is so directly (I might say shamefully) denyed to the World.

First then, I remember, I added three new Clauses, (*viz.*) for Sir *John Toppe*'s Son's Dyet, &c. for the Interest of the Ballance of the Account, and for reserving a Power of adding to the Grand Account, what probably might be omitted. I made great Alterations in that Paragraph relating to Sir *John Toppe*'s being bound with, and for Mrs. S. and the Dr. for 300 *l.* to Mrs. S——mon, and about Dr. *Slo——r*'s 500 *l.* with several others, which could I possibly remember, would be too tedious to mention. I also added in the Drs. Answer, that long Passage relating to Sir *John*'s *pre-tended* Instructions for a Deed of Settlement, and Mrs. S. has, or lately had those very Copy's corrected

ected by her Councel, with those and other my Amendments.

Our *fable Solicitor* is so vain-glorious, to think himself qualified to correct the Draughts of the most eminent Counsel in the Kingdom, even in Generals; nay, I may safely say, should my Lord C—— draw a Bill or Answer for him, he would have the Vanity to alter it, was it for no other Reason than to say he had done so; altho' it's too well known, that he's no more qualified for that Work, than I am for Preaching; yet there can be no greater Affront than to offer to direct him, even in those Matters every one but himself must believe him ignorant in; But we must own that mortality renders all Mankind subject to Error. Yet they are *Fools* only, and *Vain-glorious* that refuse to be taught; and the *Ignorant* only say, *They* know all.

Rep.) But it must be confess'd had he been her Council or Solicitor, there would have been then too good Reason for a speedy Agreement, or giving up the Cause.

Ans.) If so small a matter as my being called Mrs. S——'s Counsel or Solicitor, be confessed to be such a too good Reason for making a speedy Agreement, or giving up the Cause. Certainly my knowing the Cause, with all its minutest Circumstances, must (if Shadows are not taken for real Substances) be a much stronger Reason for such Agreement, &c.

Rep.) What must the Court think of this Man not being affording he instructed the Commissioners, when probably both those Gentlemen will be present at settling Tryal to testify against him; nay, what will Mankind think of him when he shall be brought forth, to testify against himself in the following Words, part of a Letter he wrote to her Son in London in August last past, viz. "Mr. W—— is drawn of the

er my "drawing Breviats from the Bills and Answers, in
think "order to instruct the Commissioners, and the Cause
of the "thus being abbreviated, he can the better draw the
ren in "Interrogatories. This Morning my M A S T E R
Lord "told me of an excellent Thought, and he was re-
would "solved to pursue it. "

other It is now left to the Judgment of the World, whe-
t's too ther in August last he thought his M A S T E R
ed for W ——— or himself Mrs. S ———'s Solicitor, or
there whether the Commissioners were instructed by those
direct Breviats, or by Charles Clay.

himself Answ.) A Court seldom thinks ill of the Man
ft own that affirms the Truth; and I desire the World
to judge, if what I have affirmed be not so.

Error. I was sent with a Breviat of the Cause to one
that re- of Mrs. S ———'s Commissioners, with Orders from
r, They her Attorney (Mr. W ———) to instruct him, (for
the Breviat was only an Abstract of the Bills and
Answers, tho' the Cause contained a Thousand o-
ther Circumstances, all which were allowed by
the said Mr. W ——— and all others concerned, I
best understood.) When I delivered the Breviat,
I had with the said Commissioner above an Hours
Discourse about the Cause, which I humbly pre-
sumed may be called instructing him.

only my If the Breviats (upon which this excellent Lo-
vest Circician seems to lay all the Stress of instructing the
Commissioners,) had been thought sufficient, why
were the Commissioners required to come to Mrs.
S ———'s to be further instructed? And if I had
not been thought capable of assisting therein, why
was my Attendance required upon that Point, and
settling the Interrogatories for three Days toge-
ther? And further, If I was not then esteemed
as aforesaid, why would Mr. W ——— send by me,
into the West, a Letter to the Commissioners
in London; and tell them, that I was so much Master
of the Cause, that I could instruct them as well as

he could ; nay, he believed in some Circumstances better : And altho' this may be true, yet I would not be thought so Vain-glorious, as that I hereby intended to *Rank* my self with that Gentleman. No, I have just Reason to believe, that if I had his Advantages, I could never attain his extraordinary Qualifications, which to me were always admirable, tho' too often rediculed by our *sable* Solicitor.

I am so far from being afraid of those Gentlemen the Commissioners being present at my *Trial*, that I shall beg *that Favour* of them my self ; for I am well assured, it is not in the Power of *Art* to Byas their *Testimony* ; therefore I can't see what they can testify *against* me, when one of them told me, I well deserved 500 l. for what I had done for Mrs. S——

But this *prodigious Business* I am to testify *against* my self when examin'd into, must (like other Inconsistencies) dwindle into nothing ; for certainly, nothing but a Madman will conclude, that because Mr. W—— was last *August* Mrs. S——'s Solicitor, therefore I could not act a Solicitor for her upon the Commissions the *November* following ; or, because my Old MASTER *Webb* (as I then did, and ever shall call him) was drawing *Breviats* from the Bills and Answers in order to instruct the Commissioners ; therefore, I could not *instruct* the Commissioners in respect to *other Circumstances* in the Cause ; or, because I call'd Mr. W—— MASTER, therefore I must be a *Hackney-Writer*, as if it was impossible for Mrs. S—— to have *two Solicitors* at one time, tho' Mr. W—— and Mr. *Tonge* have been constantly employed. Sure, such ways of arguing may at least be supposed to be the Effects of *Lunacy*, being more *impertinent* than those of Men in *Fevers*.

Rep.) *Taking Depositions is no proof of being a Solicitor, because, (with Submission to so old a Practiser as Mr. Prothonitary's Clerk) any Person who can write a good Hand and quick, any Hackney-Writer may be a taking Clerk at a Commission.*

Ans.) Altho' taking Depositions, be no Proof of being a *Solicitor*, yet, this Word seems to stick upon the Stomach (tho' but once mentioned in my former Answers;) I shall (if doing the Business of a *Solicitor* will do,) prove my self Mrs. S's *Solicitor*. Since

Therefore I say, that drawing Answers in Chancery is the Business of a *Solicitor* at least; but I drew Answers in Chancery for Mrs. Stanhope; therefore, I was in that particular her *Solicitor*: Again, amending Bills and Answers in Chancery after perused by Counsel, drawing the Heads of and rectifying Interrogatories, and instructing the Commissioners is the Business of a *Solicitor*, but I did amend Bills, &c. and draw the Heads of and rectify Interrogatories, and instruct the Commissioners for Mrs. S—— therefore I was her *Solicitor*.

Instructing, preparing, and ticketing Witnesses, in order to be examin'd, is the Business of a *Solicitor*; but I instructed, prepared, and ticketed the Witnesses at the Commissions at Nottingham and in the West, and did all other Things required of a *Solicitor*, upon these Commissions: Therefore, &c.

Now if this be not thought sufficient Proof, I can instance many more; and I would desire to know whether *instructing* Mr. Crocket, (when they did not care to trust that Matter to Mr. W.) Whether my drawing Affidavits, instructing young Mr. W. (who was to be assisting to me in the West,) whether drawing Instructions for Counsel in London to draw Interrogatories by? Whether being Commissioner, and taking Answers in Chancery, and making up the Commissions, and preparing an Alphabetical Table of all the Witnesses

nesses ready ticketed by me long before the Commission, and such like, be not Solicitors Business? But, since I must needs be a *Hackney-Writer*; I would willingly know, whether Mrs. Stanhope took me as such, when she was not satisfied with speaking *her self*, but got her *Daughter* and *Steward* to beg of me to take care that Mr. W. did nothing to her Prejudice? Telling me, she had no dependance upon any one Body but me, and as she put all her Trust in me, she should never think she could be grateful enough if I would do her this Service. Or, when she got Mr. W. to write to me to get her an Affidavit against her Eldest Son, and also wrote her self to me upon the same Subject, in these Words, *viz.* "I do not doubt your readiness to assist, if you can remember, neither would I have you think I shall be *ungrateful* for such a Service this way, 'twould be *meritorious*." Or when Mr. W. proposed, and Mrs. S. and her Son agreed I should be her Commissioner in the Suit then depending in Chancery, between her and her Eldest Son? Or whether she thought I must be a *Hackney-Writing-Commissioner*? (But if such a Commission should be granted, and I should be nominated for a Commissioner against her, I hope she would not be so unjust to her self, to strike out so *insignificant* a Person as a *Hackney-Writer*.) Or, what was Mr. W—b's Opinion of me, when in the West he publicly declared, in Mrs. S —'s Servants presence, that it would be impossible for any Man living to draw a Breviat of Mrs. S —'s Cause, as it ought to be, without my Assistance?

And altho' a *Hackney-Writer* may be a *Taking-Clerk*, I hope it won't therefore follow, that a *Taking Clerk* must be a *Hackney-Writer*; for allow a *Hackney Writer* may be a *Taking-Clerk* where the Commissioners dictate, yet that's no Argument

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ment that I must be a *Hackney-Writer*; for the very End of my being *Taking-Clerk* was often destroyed by dictating, (as Mr. K— well knows) Nor is it a Secret, that the most material Depositions were by me taken without dictating, and if it had not been thought that I understood *more* of the Cause, and better *what to take*, than the Commissioners; pray, why was it agreed that whilst I kept writing forward, the Commissioners were not to dictate, but only when I was at a stand, or desir'd, them so to do. How was it, that upon a Witness telling a long Story, that I should at once take the whole or great part of a long Deposition, but only that I understood what such Witnesses could, or at least ought to say, as well as, if not better than the Witness himself before he came to be examin'd. Therefore with Submission to Mr. *Belswager*, I presume his *Hackney-Writer* (the Burthen of the Reply,) might have been left out.

Spite and Pride seldom go unpunish'd; and sure, nothing can be more mortifying to a *reputed Champion of Learning*, than to tell him, that if he had understood the *Derivation* of the Word (*Prothonotary*) he would not have wrote it *Prothonitary*.

I never was so Vain-glorious, or desirous of *Empty Titles* as to buy them; but a certain Gentleman got me to write his Name under a Court of Arms, and ordered me to add D. D. above a Twelve-month before he had any Title thereto.

Since this Mr. *Prothonitary* is no less a Man than Sir *George Cook*, the Capital Prothonotary of the Court of Common-Pleas; one would have thought a Man of *ANONON* might have used him in more handsome manner; for I doubt not but his Business may be as good as *L—k Living*.

Rep.) *What he says about advancing Accounts is together false*, Mrs. S— not knowing or believ-
ing

ing that he altered one Figure throughout the whole : But alas ! poor Man ! He must endeavour to make a Merit of, and do something for the Bread of Deceit, and must at least be the low Instrument of conveying other Mens Scandal into the Sight and Noise of the World ; for Scurrility is thought to be of singular Use in some Cases, like that Stoick in Lucian, who bawled out, O damn'd Villain ! when he had no better way of defending himself.

Ans^w.) I made Mrs. St — 's Debt to Sir F. T — p betwixt two and three Hundred Pounds less than she at first charged her self with, and added many Things in the Credit of her Account, all which are *advancing* (if I understand Accounts,) and the very Schedules, after they were Ingrossed, were *altered three times*. Therefore, if I make a Merit, it is with matter of Truth ; and I hope I shall never again sit at the Table of Deceit and Oppression, nor dwell with a Disciple of Orpheus, (who as Ovid saith) first taught

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When People are unwilling their Deeds should come to Light, they should not endeavour it. Is it not very just to publish Scandal, and Scurrility in the Sight and Noise of the World ? And then endeavour to palm it upon me ? Pray, who began first ? Or what can be more Scurrilous than the Advertisements against me ? Was it expected I should hang a Padlock upon my Mouth, and Fetters upon my Pen ? Or, that I must be obliged in Conscience to say *Amen* to whatever comes from a black Coat ? No, I never yet was, nor I hope never shall be so Priest-rid.

I hope its plain to the World, by this Time who is the damn'd Villain, and like the Stoick in Lucian, will say any Thing to defend himself.

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from his new Masters, those for whom he is now concerned (as a Hackney-Writer, it must still be supposed, those Gentlemen needing no such Instructor or Solicitor) Mrs. S—— does not bear they have changed the Colour of his old Mrs's. Livery.

Ans^w.) I did not brag of large Sums, but what won't this Monster say? I have what I am content with both Money and Apparel; but for me to acquaint him and his deluded Client in what Sphere I shall move, will not be so material as to tell them, it will be in such a manner as perhaps may make them curse their late ill Management.

Rep.) It was perfectly needless to tell the World he had not contracted 5 s. Debt since he left Mrs. S—— for who said he had contracted Debt since; but Mrs. S—— does still affirm he reported (though groundlessly) that he was necessitated to run into Debt to keep his Family from starving, because she would never pay him more than five or ten Shillings at a time, and those small Sums very seldom; whereas, he never asked or sent for Money but had it, and received 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and Ten Pounds at a Time, and in all more by many than Mrs. S—— has yet owned.

Ans^w.) Altho' I could say I had not contracted 5 s. Debt since I left Mrs. S. I cannot say but I was forced to contract several whilst I was with her; therefore, if I had reported, as is falsely charged, (tho' I might say, as the Truth really was, that Mrs. S. was considerably in my Debt,) it would not have been altogether groundless; for admit I have receiv'd larger Sums, yet very often I received but 10 s. at a Time, (tho' never so little as 5 s.) yet, it's most notoriously false to say, that I never asked or sent for Money but I had it; for I have been told by Mr. C—— upon asking for Money, that his Mrs. had none in the House (nor indeed was Money so very plentiful

ful before S—well was *Mortgaged*) so that I have been forced to borrow of the Servants several times, and two several Guineas of Mr. W—— to send to my Family, when I could not have it of Mrs. S.

The Charge, that I received 6, 7, and Ten Pounds at a time, I also deny, for as I have Copies of all my Accounts, &c. I do positively say, that 5 Guineas was the largest Sum I ever received of Mrs. S—— upon my own Account at one Time; for, altho' I gave my first Receipt for 7 l. 10 s. 6 d. another for 8 l. 3 s. 00 d. and a third for 6 l. 9 s. 00 d. yet the Money of the first was received at twice, the second at thrice, and the third at twice. Nor does the whole amount to more than she, and I have already owned.

Rep.) *His Calumny is dispised, and he forgiven, and advised to submit to his narrow Fortune, rather than seek for Advancement or great Support in an unlawful way.*

Ans.) How common is it for some People to gloss over the *most wicked Practices* by a shew of Religion; but I must confess, I cannot be prevailed upon to believe its in the Power of *such* to *forgive*, without a greater Change; than, I fear, has hitherto been wrought upon *them*. I thank them for their Advice, and I hope, I shall ever be content with my Condition, without the least *desire* after *other Peoples Estates*; tho' I am not displeased my Fortune is not so *narrow* as my Adversary designed. How preposterous is it! For *People* to justify so *base an Action*; as the Wheedling a *Lunatick* out of his *Estate*, to the utter Destruction of *him* and his *Family*, and yet shall find Fault with a Man for seeking for his *just Debt*. Thou that preachest a Man shall not covet, dost thou covet? But to return; I say, however my

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Adversaries may take it, I can assure them, I shall never be afraid to do my Self and Family justice, in whatever I shall be Lawfully call'd to; and (in the *Gladiators Language*) shall only desire a *Clear Stage and No Favour*.

Rep.) Let him remember Diogenes's Reply, when Plato revil'd him, for submitting to wash his own Herbs for his Dinner, If thou could'st submit to this, thou woud'st not be obliged to be a Slave to Dionysius. The Application is plain, but if Clay will not understand it, he is never likely to have it explain'd, or the Honour of hearing from Mrs. S— any more in this manner.

Ans.) Whatever Ænigma's may lie in this Story of Plato and Diogenes, the Scribe ought not in justice, to have concealed it from me, because I did not serve him so, when he could not tell the *English*, or *Meaning*, of the word *Denatus*. But since whatever has hitherto been design'd against me, has been so lucky to Return upon my Adversary, I shall therefore venture once more to Turn the Tables, and desire the Application, of this mighty Mystery, may be made by One, who, when in London, acquired the Name of Proud P——t, ~~to~~ One, who allows himself in such a degree of *Idleness*, that he can rarely Leave his Bed till Two or Three in the Afternoon; and when he confines himself to his Study, (like the Poet *Anacreon*, who consulted with *Bacchus*, as often as his Muse) makes the History of *Oporto*, and the *Indian Weed*, his most familiar Conversants. Now, if S. will not understand this, he is never likely to have it Explained more fully.

If Mrs. S. had not voluntarily expos'd her self, I should never have given her any Occasion for this last HONOUR, she did me, of endeavouring (tho' in vain) my Ruin. So that I shall not Repine, tho' I must not hear from her again in

that manner: But in case this should happen to Engage the *Enemy* to appear at *Sea* once more, I declare I will not *Run*, whilst I have any Ammunition remaining; and I do verily believe, I have now in Store (if I had but the Knack of Digesting) Matter enough to make a Volume as big as the *ENGLISH-ROGUE*.

I have now gone thro' the *Reply*, and humbly conceive I have, in my *Pike-staff* *Style* and *Manner*, proved what at first I proposed, *viz.* That the Author of it was most notoriously guilty of those Crimes unjustly charg'd upon me; for what can contain more *personal Abuses*, than the *Reply*? (which is stuff'd with little else but *abusive Language*, such as *Renegado*, *Deserter*, *Ingrate*, *False*, *Arrogant*, *Conceited*, *Scurrilous*, *Scandal-spreader*, and the like) What can possibly contain more *Falsities* than I have made appear to be contained in the *Reply*? which, with the *Abuses*, are dispersed thro' the whole with such an *uncommon Confidence*, as is not often to be met with. Was ever any thing furnished with such *weak Arguments*, *slender Proof*, and *little Reason*? which (if I mistake not) must certainly be those *Weapons of Falshood and a Bad Cause*, our *Adversary* so much complains of.

But how can this *Dealer in Falshood*, have the Face to charge me with denying *several just Charges upon me*, since the *Reply* does not take notice of one half of my former Answers, which would have been but fair in him, either to have own'd them as Truths, or deny'd them? Why did he not deny my Drawing Answers, and my Reason given for Drawing one of them? My Drawing the Heads of, and Rectifying the Interrogatories; and my Acting upon the Commission as Solicitor? But instead of that he says, *Taking Depositions is no Proof, being a Solicitor,* (which

(which is as much to the purpose as if one should demand, *Qualis est Rex?* What manner of Man is the King? And it should be answer'd, *Bene se habet?* He is in good Health.) Why did he not say what I charged to be the Intent of the first Advertisement, as well as of the *Blue Coat*? And whether my knowing what every Witness could (or at least should) say, was not the main Reason for my being *Taking-Clerk*? Or, what I said about my Officiating in the Family, &c.

Had I omitted to Answer any such material Points, the Charge would have been *Just* upon me; but since (to my Knowledge) I have not omitted any thing *Material*, I hope my *Adversary* will be so fair to Retract that *Rash Sentence*, and (towards making some Satisfaction) plead GUILTY. And for the future publish nothing but *Truth*, which will always stand against its most potent Adversaries. And that it may flourish in the World, may every one (particularly those who bear a sacred Character) guard against those *Passions* of *Resentment* and *Revenge*, which when once let in, grow too strong for the strongest Understanding, and over-run even *Principle*, and *Honour*, and *Gratitude*, and *Interest*.



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